

THere is now in the Press, a *GEOGRAPHICAL DISCRIPTION* of *ENGLAND, SCOTLAND, and IRELAND*, with the *Ishes* thereto belonging: which in a compendious Method treateth of such *things* that are most necessary to be known, and as yet hath not been treated of by any *Author*. And for the further Utility and Adornment thereof, shall be added a *MAPP* and *TABLE* to every County of *England*; besides several general Ones. Which said *Volume*, for the conveniency of *Portage*, shall be *Printed* in a small-sized *Folio*, and finished with all possible speed.

And for the better satisfying of all such that have a desire to be concerned in the said *Work*, it is thought convenient to give an *Account* as to the Method thereof, which in brief is as followeth:

The first Enterprize shall be to give (in a compendious Method) a Description of the Kingdoms in general, as to their *Situation, Climate, Temperature of Air, Extent, Division, Fertility, Provisions, Commodities, Manufactures, and Trade*; also of their *Inhabitants* both Ancient, and Modern; their *Laws, Customs, Government*, both Civil and Spiritual, the *Courts of Judicature*, the Precedency and Degrees of Honour, &c.

And having thus run over these, and the like general *Heads*; the next attempt will be to take a particular Survey of each County in the Kingdoms of his Majesties Dominions; and therein to give an *Account* as to their *Situation* with other Counties, their *Extent, Fertility, what Commodities and Manufactures* they produce; their chief *Rivers, Hills, and Towns*, especially those that have *Emunities* granted unto them; as *Cities, Boroughs, or Towns Corporate*; as also, of such as have the Conveniency of *Markets, and Fairs*: with other *Things* of Remark both Ancient and Moderne: which *Geographically* shall be treated of.

And for effecting the same, an *Abstract* is first made from all approved *Authors* yet extant, that have Writ of the same Subject, as well those in general, as those of particular Counties; besides the Assistance of several *Manuscripts*: Which said *Abstracts* so taken, (being digested into a *Geographical Method*) are (and shall be) supervised by those that are known in the said *Parts*, and accordingly enlarged, or rectified as occasion requireth. And for the better perfecting the said *Work*, an account of the *Nobility, and Gentry* that each County is Ennobled with (especially so as Friends to the said *Work*) as to their *Names, Titles, and Seats* shall be given: Which for the avoiding of *Exceptions*, shall be placed *Alphabetically*; and besides which, all those that are *Subscribers*, shall have their *Coates of Armes* affixed to the *Map*, or *Mapps* of the County or Counties, by them made choice of, (so as allowed of by the Kings of *Arms*) in a Border encircling the same, to remain to future Ages. A *Work* very necessary, and useful for all *Men*; wherefore these *Proposals* are humbly tendered by me *Richard Blome*, Lodging at Mr. *Kids*, at the Corner of *Lincolns-Inn-Fields*, near *New-Market*.

THE PROPOSALS.

1. Those that will be pleased for the Advancement of the said *Work*, to *Subscribe*, and pay unto the said *Richard Blome* the sum of 20 *Shillings*, shall have one of the said *Books* presented them, in which they shall have their *Coat of Arms* (so as allowed of by the Kings at *Arms*) affixed to the *Map* of the County to which they are related unto, and by them made choice of, as *Friends* to the said *Work*; 10 *Shillings* to be paid down towards the Charges thereof, and Allowance of the said *Coat of Arms*; and the remaining 10 *Shillings* to be paid upon the delivery of one of the said *Books* as aforesaid. But if mentioned in more then one County, then 5 *Shillings* more for every other County they are so mentioned in.

2. Those that for the Advancement of the said *Work*, will *Subscribe*, or procure *Subscriptions* for six of the said *Books* as aforesaid, shall for their Encouragement, upon the performance of the said *Subscriptions*, have one of the said *Books* presented them gratis.

And that none may take *Exceptions*, if omitted in the said *Work*, as having no notice thereof, this *Divulgement* is deemed fitting: Wherefore all those that will be pleased to be mentioned in the said *Work*, are desired to bring, or send *Directions*, or give timely notice thereof unto the said Mr. *Blome*, for the doing the same as aforesaid; the said *Volume* being intended without fail, to be finished by *Michaelmas* Term, 1671.

In Consideration of the Premises aforesaid: I do promise, and engage to take, and receive of the said *Richard Blome*, or his *Assigns*, one of the said *Books*, according to the said *Proposition*, and to be mentioned accordingly in the County, or Counties of

Witness my Hand this

day of

Anno Dom. 1671.